

MINUTES
JOINT EDINA SCHOOL BOARD AND EDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007
AT EDINA COMMUNITY CENTER

Edina School Board Chair Peyton Robb welcomed attendees and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Attending for the Edina City Council were Members Bennett, Housh, Masica, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Edina School Board Members in attendance were Board Members Brian Hedberg, Bert Ledder, Randy Meyer, Jeff Johnson, Colleen Feige and Chair Peyton Robb. Edina School District Staff included: Ric Dressen, Superintendent; Doug Johnson, Director of Community Education Services & Community Relations; Jay Willemssen, Director of Business Services; and Chace Anderson, Assistant Superintendent. Edina City Staff present: Gordon Hughes, City Manager; Mike Siitari, Police Chief; Marty Scheerer, Fire Chief; John Keprios, Park & Recreation Director; Cary Teague, Planning Director; Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications & Marketing Director; Wayne Houle, Public Works Director & City Engineer; and Debra Mangan, City Clerk.

Board Member Ledder gave a brief update on the October 14, 2007, Open House of the east campus and invited everyone to attend the event.

Superintendent Dressen along with Doug Johnson and Jay Willemssen gave a brief overview of the operating levy referendum to be held November 6, 2007. They explained the voters would be asked to renew an existing operating levy last approved in 1998. State law requires this levy to be renewed by voters at least every ten years. Voters will also be asked to invest additional funds in Edina School District. The School Board and Council discussed amount of the referendum, the potential impact on the property taxes if approved, and the potential impact on the school district budget if the referendum does not pass.

City Manager Hughes explained the Comprehensive Plan revision under way by the City. He said that during November the City would conduct meetings at five of Edina's elementary schools to review the draft plan. The Planning Commission plans to hold its Public Hearing on the revised Plan in January with the City Council receiving it late January or early February. Following receipt by the City Council, the Draft Plan will be distributed to adjoining cities and school districts for comments, then come back to the Planning Commission and City Council before being sent to the Metropolitan Council. Following receipt by the Metropolitan Council there will be an implementation phase of any needed changes to Edina's ordinances.

Mr. Dressen and Mr. Hughes quickly reviewed: quarterly joint City Staff/School District meetings; Connecting With Kids, the potential redevelopment of the City Public Works Facility, Communications, China and the Edina Community Center Neighborhood Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Mangan, City Clerk